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Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jun 4, 1998

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☒ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. **Claims 1-3, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Henckel (6,105,036).**

With respect to claims 1, 8, 10, 15, and 19, reading a persistent representation [col 4 line 21, source file] of a complex data object [col. 4 line 21, multimedia objects] containing a sequence of executable instructions [col 4 lines 24-25, "ordered arrangement of program statements"] directly executable on a program interpreter [col 4 lines 33-36], and the program interpreter for executing/interpreting the instructions as a sequence/series of calls [col 4 lines 24-25, "ordered arrangement of program statements"] on a library of predefined functions [Henckel notes in col 4 lines 41-51 that VRML is one example of a language providing a collection of interpretable statements.] to directly construct [col 4 lines 58-67 states, "As discussed above, embodiments ... display objects in ...or multimedia representations."] the multi-component data object from the representation.

As to **claims 2, 3, 11, and 16**, Henckel teaches display or presentation of multimedia objects [col 4 lines 58-67].

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 12-14 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henckel (6,105,036).**

As to **claims 12-14 and 21**, the interpreter is a local stack-based virtual machine including a temporary storage array. Examiner takes "Official Notice" (see MPEP 2144.03) that the advantages of utilization of virtual machine operating systems on stack based processing hardware were well known at the time the invention was made. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the virtual machine in combination with the teachings of Henckel, because the accepted benefits of the stack based virtual machine would have been expected when utilized for its known intended purpose.

5. **Claims 1, 4-7, 15, 17, 19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Celi, Jr. et al. (US 6,157,933) in view of Jaworski (Java 1.1 Second Edition).**

With respect to **claims 1, 4-7, 15, 17, 19, and 20**, reading a persistent representation [Java animation image applet stored on server], interpreting the instructions [As was known to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, Java applets are comprised of Java byte codes interpreted by a Java Virtual Machine included with many common HTML browsers], calling different ones of

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predefined functions in accordance with the instructions to construct the data object directly from the representation [col 3 lines 1-13],

Jaworski provides example applets on pages 734-737. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the example applets of Jaworski with the embedded web page requesting/displaying of Celi, Jr. et al., because Celi, Jr. et al. recognized that applet content may be embedded. From the code example listings 40.1-40.4, Jaworski teaches wherein some functions return an explicit result [Listing 40.1, "public void paint" returns the result "Graphics g"], wherein some functions have arguments [Listing 40.1 calls functions "g.setFont," "g.setColor," and "g.drawString," which all use arguments.], a call to one of the functions includes a call to another function as an argument of the first function ["g.setFont utilizes the method "new Font" as an argument], a call to one of the functions includes obtaining a constant value as its argument [see "g.drawString"], and wherein some of the instructions are compressed identifiers for different ones of a predefined set of methods [Method resolution between similarly named functions in object oriented programming may be facilitated through argument matching.].

Pertinent Prior Art

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

a. Dyer et al. (US 5,754,849) teaches self-describing objects for storage and transmission across system boundaries.

Conclusion

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

The fax numbers for formal (703-308-9051), to be intended for entry into the application, or informal (703-305-9731) communications may be utilized for expedited transactions.

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